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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE, GW
SUBJECT: CSCE: FOREIGN MINISTER PERSONALLY RESPONDS TO
OPPOSITION QUESTIONS ABOUT BELGRADE

1. IN A UNIQUE MOVE LATE LAST WEEK, FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER PERSONALLY JOINED DEBATE WITH THE OPPO-
SITION IN THE BUNDESTAG CONCERNING THE FRG APPROACH TO
THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE. RATHER THAN RELYING
UPON A STATE MINISTER TO RESPOND TO OPPOSITION
QUESTIONS ABOUT GERMAN POSITIONS AT BELGRADE,
GENSCHER TOOK THE FLOOR HIMSELF TO DEFINE FRG POLICY.

2. GENSCHER MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE FRG WOULD STRIVE FOR AN "OPEN, CLEAR AND
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CONSTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION" OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE
HELSINKI FINAL ACT;

-- THE FRG WANTED IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE POINTS NOT
YET FULFILLED; AND

-- BELGRADE SHOULD NOT BE THE LAST STATION OF THE

DETENTE PROCESS.

3. GENSCHER CRITICIZED THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION FOR REFERRING TO THE HELSINKI "AGREEMENTS", NOTING THEY WERE NOT AGREEMENTS BUT RATHER DECLARATIONS OF INTENT. GENSCHER REMINDED THE OPPOSITION THAT ALL PARTIES HAD AGREED ON THIS POSITION PRIOR TO AND AFTER HELSINKI. GENSCHER ALSO REBUFFED THE CDU/CSU DEMAND FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT, CALLING INSTEAD FOR UNILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION AS MORE APPROPRIATE.

4. FINALLY, GENSCHER REJECTED THE OPPOSITION'S CHARGE THAT THE FRG HAD NOT DONE ENOUGH TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT. HE SAID THE FRG WAS USING ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE FACT THAT SOME 60,000 ETHNIC GERMANS HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO LEAVE EASTERN EUROPE, CALLING THIS AN "ACTIVE POSITION" FOR THE REALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE.

5. COMMENT: GENSCHER'S CSCE INTERVENTION IN THE BUNDESTAG CONTAINED NOTHING NEW, BUT UNDERLINED INSTEAD HIS PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT FOR THE FRG'S APPROACH TO THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. THE OPPOSITION HAD CALLED FOR A "CLEAR COURSE" IN BELGRADE AND POSED NUMEROUS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ON THE ISSUE. GENSCHER OBVIOUSLY FELT THAT THE FRG'S COURSE WAS NOT ONLY CLEAR BUT ALSO CORRECT. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE GOVERNMENT/OPPOSITION SPARRING OVER CONFIDENTIAL

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BELGRADE WILL CONTINUE RIGHT UP TO AND EVEN DURING THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. END COMMENT.
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